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1. The barges being constructed in Rumanian shipbuilding yards are of two types:
 - a. Petroleum barges
 - b. Barges for transporting troops and materiel
2. These barges which are destined for the USSR have the following general characteristics:
 - a. Length - 77 meters
 - b. Width - 15 meters
 - c. Draught - 2 meters 10 (fully loaded)
 - d. Capacity - 1,000 tons (100 railroad cars)

An interesting feature of the barges being constructed is the double hull. Between the outer and inner shells there is a space of 40 centimeters which is filled with water.

3. The troop transport barges have an upper deck. The normal capacity of these barges is 2,000 men fully equipped. If materiel or munitions are carried, 300 to 400 men can be transported on the upper deck with 800 to 900 tons of materiel in the hold. These barges have no engines and have to be towed. Three troop transport barges are built for every oil barge. The average construction time is four months per barge.

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4. At the present time barges are being built in the following ship-building yards:

Turnu-Severin Dynamica: Five troop transport barges which should be completed by August - September 1952.

Braila Chantier Naval: Four oil barges which ought to be finished in August 1952.

Galati Chantier Naval: Six troop transport barges, three of which should be finished in June - July 1952 and three in September 1952.

Oltenita Dynamica: One troop transport should be ready in June 1952. One transport was started in April 1952.

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5. The Braila, Oltenita, and Turnu Severin shipyards are constructing mine layers. They are constructed of wood and have the following characteristics:

- a. Length - 20 meters
- b. Width - 6 meters
- c. Motors - 200 PS

At present there is no mine laying activity in Rumanian waters.

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